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Fiscal Note

SF 408 - County Attorney Salaries (LSB 1951 SV)

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Description

Senate File 408 sets the minimum salary of a county attorney as a percentage of the annual salary for a district court judge, based on the population of the county. The minimum salary requirements are phased in over three years, beginning in FY 2008.

Background

- The FY 2007 salary of a District Court Judge is \$126,000.
- The FY 2007 county attorney salaries are used as a basis for the calculations.
- The county populations are based on the 2000 census, which is the latest official census.
- County attorney salaries are paid by the counties while District Court Judges salaries are paid by the State.
- Under current law, the county attorney's salary is based on county population and a percentage of the salary of a district court judge, except for a county having a population of 200,000 or more (Polk County). Part-time county attorney salaries range from a low of \$32,583 in Ringgold County to a high of \$101,100 in Scott County. Full-time county attorney salaries range from a low of \$57,200 in Dickinson County to a high of \$121,440 in Linn County.

Assumptions

- Salaries for District Court Judges and county attorneys will increase by 3.5% in FY 2008, as a starting point for calculating the fiscal impact of SF 408.
- Future cost-of-living increases are not included in the calculations.

Fiscal Impact

The FY 2008 fiscal impact is estimated to be \$1.0 million statewide, to be paid by the counties. Costs are expected to increase by an additional \$500,000 in FY 2009. Costs are anticipated to increase by an additional \$600,000 in FY 2010, and annually thereafter.

Sources

Iowa State Association of Counties
Iowa County Attorneys Association

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